but the State was allowed to file a review petition in High Court, Mumbai and this matter is, therefore, still subjudice in the said High Court.

(c) No forest land has been sold off by the State Government to Sahara Group of Companies for commercial activity, therefore, the question of land price does not arise.

(d) Government of Maharashtra has not entered into any contract of agreement with Sahara Company for converting and selling of forest land for commercial and residential purpose. Therefore, the question of obtaining permission of Central Government does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Conservation of urban lakes

593. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some badly polluted urban lakes were identified way back in 1994 for conservation by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a also a fact that most of these lakes are still polluted and stinking as nothing has been done to make them pollution free; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to clean these lakes within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (d) The Lake Conservation under National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) was taken up in May, 2001 with the approval of proposals for 3 lakes namely Powai, Ooty and Kodaikanal. Till date projects for conservation of 24 lakes have been approved after considering varius proposals by State Governments. The Tenth Plan outlay for NLCP is Rs. 220.00 crore.

Genetically modified seeds

594. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: